

**PETITION FOR
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THE
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT AND CAPITOL REGION
WATERSHED DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION, RAMSEY-WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT, AND
VADNAIS LAKE AREA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

In the matter of the Petition for Boundary Change Between
The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) and Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD), Mississippi
Watershed Management Organization (MWMO), Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
(RWMWD), and Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization (VLAWMO).
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.215

TO: The Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Rice Creek Watershed District (“Petitioners,”), a Minnesota Special Purpose Unit of Government with powers set forth at Minnesota Statutes § 103B and § 103D, pursuant to the RCWD Board of Managers Resolution 2024-07, hereby petition the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) for an order approving the adjustment of the common jurisdictional boundaries between the Rice Creek Watershed District and Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD), Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD), Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization (VLAWMO), and Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) , pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.215, for the following reasons:

1. The RCWD is an existing watershed district contained entirely within the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area;

2. The areas proposed to be moved to the RCWD are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Falcon Heights, MN, Lauderdale, MN, Lino Lakes, MN, Roseville, MN, Shoreview, MN, and White Bear Lake, MN and White Bear Township, MN. The table below provides a summary of the impacted parcels and total changing areas. A map of the proposed changes is attached hereto as Exhibit I;

Table: Summary of proposed parcel changes.

Current Watershed District/Organization	Proposed Watershed District/Organization	Number of Impacted Parcels	Total Area of Impacted Parcels (acres)
CRWD	RCWD	68	31.68
RCWD	CRWD	190	28.93
MWMO	RCWD	131	35.05
RCWD	MWMO	176	52.24
RWMWD	RCWD	55	46.88
RCWD	RWMWD	404	185.52
VLAWMO	RCWD	177	97.73
RCWD	VLAWMO	265	129.04

3. The areas to be moved to RCWD from CRWD are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the City of Falcon Heights, MN. The areas to be moved to RCWD from CRWD are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit A. The areas proposed to be moved to CRWD are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Lauderdale, MN and Roseville, MN. The areas to be moved to CRWD are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit B. A map of the proposed changes is attached hereto as Exhibit I

4. The areas to be moved to RCWD from MWMO are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Lauderdale, MN and Saint Anthony, MN. The areas to be moved to RCWD from MWMO are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit C. The areas proposed to be moved to the RCWD are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the City of Saint Anthony, MN. The areas to be moved to MWMO are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit D. A map of the proposed changes is attached hereto as Exhibit I;

5. The areas to be moved to RCWD from RWMWD are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Roseville, MN, Shoreview, MN and White Bear Lake, MN. The areas to be moved to RCWD from RWMWD are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit E. The areas proposed to be moved to the RWMWD are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Roseville, MN, Shoreview, MN, and White Bear Lake, MN. The areas to be moved to RWMWD are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit F. A map of the proposed changes is attached hereto as Exhibit I;

6. The areas to be moved to RCWD from VLAWMO are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Lino Lakes, MN, White Bear Lake, MN and White Bear Township, MN. The areas to be moved to RCWD from VLAWMO are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit G. The areas proposed to be moved to VLAWMO are contiguous with it, are within its hydrologic boundary, and are all within the Cities of Lino Lakes, MN, White Bear Lake, MN and White Bear Township, MN. The areas to be moved to VLAWMO are described on the parcel list attached hereto as Exhibit H. A map of the proposed changes is attached hereto as Exhibit I;

7. The petitioned adjustments would be of the public benefit and welfare, cause the common jurisdictional boundary to more closely conform to the hydrological boundary between the two entities, would facilitate the watershed-based water resource planning and management, and for

these and other reasons would be consistent with the purposes and requirements of Minnesota Statutes §§103B.205 to 103B.255;

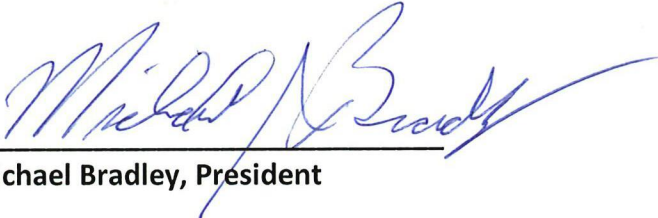
8. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.215, subdivision 2(c), City of Falcon Heights, MN, City of Lauderdale, MN, City of Lino Lakes, MN, City of Roseville, MN, City of Saint Anthony, MN, City of Shoreview, MN, City of White Bear Lake, MN, White Bear Township, MN, Capitol Region Watershed District, the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, the Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization, and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization concur in this petition, as evidenced by a letter from each, appended hereto as Exhibits J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, and U respectively;

9. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.225, Petitioners represent that no property in the affected areas is responsible for any outstanding indebtedness, levies or assessments, and that the boundary change will not affect any benefits or damages for previously constructed improvements.

10. A copy of the RCWD Board of Managers Resolution 2024-07 is included hereto as Exhibit V.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.215 and the rules and procedures of the Board, Petitioners respectfully petition the Board to make the boundary change requested herein.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Bradley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends to the right of the line.

Michael Bradley, President

Date: 10-9-2024